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PATENT APPLICATION

*IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE*

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*Art Unit:* 3679

*Attorney*  
*Docket No.:* 130229-02

*Applicant:* Heinrich RÖDER et al.

*Invention:* SAFETY MEANS FOR A VERTICAL  
CONNECTION OF TWO MEMBERS

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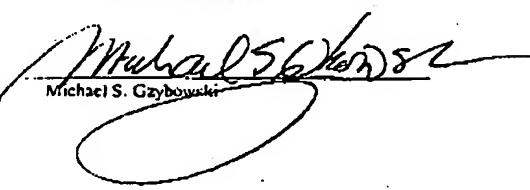
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AMENDMENT

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P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed September 5, 2006 in connection with the above-  
identified application, please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2  
of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.